

FORM B - BUILDING

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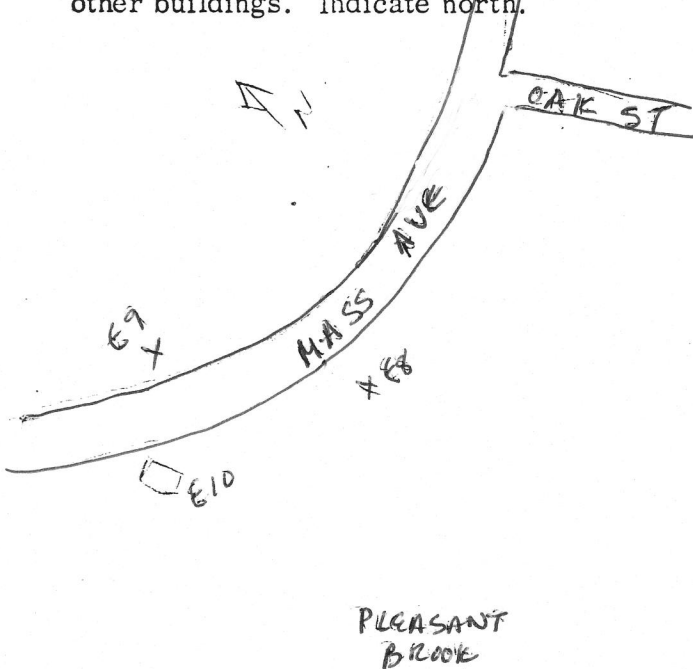
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In Area no.	Form no.
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wn Lexington  
 dress 618-620 Mass. Ave.  
 me Francis Brown House  
 esent use Private residence  
 esent owner Wilson Farm, Inc.  
 scription:  
 e C 1775  
 Source LHS Proceedings  
 le Georgian/Break Revival  
Vernacular farm

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboard  
 Outbuildings (describe) (garage)  
 Other features Five bay wide, 3 deep, Center  
entrance; granite foundation; door with  
side lights full length.  
 Altered Yes Date C 1850  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate distance of building from street  
rear corner 15', far corner 25'

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt  
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 Date 7/75

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

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| — | Recreation              | — |
| — | Religion                | — |
| — | Science/<br>invention   | — |
| — | Social/<br>humanitarian | — |
| — | Transportation          | — |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

"Brown's Tavern", Kept by Francis Brown, Minute Man, wounded afternoon of April 19th, during British retreat back through Lexington.

Descrip: Windows across top - clustered post, roofed portico over entrance; wide corner boards with recessed panel, two chimneys at ridge; small 2 story ell right rear, with chimney. House angled to street facing SE.

*Center chimney removed years ago (Worthen, p. 62)*

Historical significance (continued)

This was formerly the home of Francis Brown (wounded on April 19, 1775) and his son, James Brown. The Brown farm extended along Pleasant Street to Watertown Street (all of today's Wilson Farm).

According to the Proceedings of the Lexington Historical Society, Volume II, p. 31, at the time of the battle, Francis Brown was living in one of the two old houses owned by the Browns, situated well back from Massachusetts Avenue on today's Seasons' Four property.

According to Hudson, Volume II, p. 67, Francis Brown "later built a house and kept a tavern in the East Village, on a farm which is still owned by his descendants." If Bryant is correct, then Francis Brown did not build this house until after 1775.

*Built shortly after Rev. by Francis Brown + used by him as a tavern. S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984  
Later occupied by Charles Brown (son of James)*

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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*Bryant "Lex. 60 Years Ago"*

*E. B. Worthen, Tracing the Past in Lexington, Mass., 1998 p 62*